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PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SIZE SHIPYARD AT POOVAR
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal to Union Government for setting up an International size Shipyard at Poovar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal proposing Poovar in Thiruvananthapuram District on the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border as the possible location for setting up of international size shipyard on the West Coast of India. The details of the proposal are as under:
The proposed site has a waterfront area of 2.5 km in length and about 800-1000 acres can be made available of which a part will be by land acquisition and rest by reclamation.
Water depth of 13 metre is available within 500 metres of the shoreline. After reclamation the depth of 13 metre will be available alongside.
The site can be easily provided with road-rail connectivity. At present, NH-47 is less than 10 km from the site and Kanyakumari-Thiruvananthapuram broad gauge railway line is less than 10 km away.
The new Port at Vizhinjam, which is about 10 km from the proposed site, can be made use for the shipment of all the material required for the development and functioning of the shipyard.

(c): Mumbai Port Trust has been nominated to function as the nodal agency for setting up of International size shipyard for the West Coast of India. It has been decided in the Ministry that the nodal agency may take a holistic approach in suggesting suitable locations of the shipyards. It has also been decided that Consultants may be appointed by the nodal agency to identify 3 or 4 alternative sites. A tender inviting offers for appointment of Consultants has been advertised by Mumbai Port Trust in the Press on 21st January, 2008.